(b) As per SIPRI Year Book 2007, five countries with the highest military expenditure in 2006 in market exchange rate terms were USA, UK, France, China and Japan. In purchasing power parity terms, the top five spenders were USA, China, India, Russia and UK.

(c) As per SIPRI Year Book 2007, defence spending per capita of India in 2006 was $ 21 as against estimated per capita expenditure of $ 37 in respect of China.

(d) The matter is presently within the purview of the Sixth Central Pay Commission.

Non-payment of compensation to farmers near Indo-Pak border

1681. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that compensation to the farmers has yet not been paid whose land has been used for defence purposes to built bunkers in different villages particularly in Tehsil R.S. Pura District of Jammu and Kashmir near Indo-Pak border; and

(b) if so, the details of villages?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Rental payment is yet to be made for an area of 1 Kanal and 12 Marlas of land in villages Tohana Tibba and Fateh Chak, Tehsil R.S. Pura, District Jammu used for defence purposes. Deputy Commissioner, Jammu has been requested to issue requisition order for this land and payment of rental compensation for the same will be released after issue of requisition order by Deputy Commissioner, Jammu and completion of formal handing/taking over of land.

Exodus of pilots, engineers and staff from Air Force

1682. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of pilots, flight engineers and ground staff are leaving the Air Force;

(b) the number of pilots, flight engineers and ground staff who have resigned from Air Force during the last five years; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to check their exodus?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) There is no large scale departure of pilots, flight engineers and ground staff from the Air Force.

(b) The number of pilots, engineers and other ground staff who have been granted premature retirement/resignation during the last five years, since 1st January 2002 and upto 31st October, 2007, is given below:—

	Prermature retirement	Resignation
Pilots	388	1
Engineers	243	2
Ground duty officers (including medical branch officers)	308	6
Personnel below officers rank	3939	-

(c) The requests for acceptance of premature retirement/resignation are considered as per government instructions. The majority of the officials released from service had completed their useful tenure. These exits do not affect the operational status of the squadrons. The vacancies in the forces including those arising due to premature retirement/ resignation are filled up as per normal procedure. The improvement of the job profile of IAF personnel is a continuous process, keeping in view the job specific requirements and operational necessity.

Emoluments payable to decorated soldiers

1683. SHRI SHARADANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the emoluments and pension payable by the Central Government and the State Governments to each category of highly decorated soldiers/their families in the different States of the Union;

(b) when these emoluments were last revised; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating revision of their emoluments in recognition of the supreme sacrifices made by the highly decorated soldiers?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) No emoluments/pension is paid to the decorated soldiers. However, these soldiers are granted monthly monetary allowance over and above their entitled service pension by the Government. The State Governments also give them cash grants. After demise of Service Personnel their families are also entitled to such monetary allowance in addition to family pension.

The State-wise details of cash grants given to gallantry award winners are given in Statement I (*See* below).

The details of monthly monetary allowance to the decorated soldiers is given in Statement II (*See* below).

(b) The monetary allowances were last revised in 1999.

(c) Revision in the pay and allowances of Government employees are undertaken on the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission, both for uniformed and civilian employees.